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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
APR 25 1944
No. 655

Speech delivered by the President
Tripura Congress on the 18th instant
at Trandikal Chakbalapur Taluk
in connection with the Dt. Bd. elections

Subd for perusal There are references
to the food situation also

25.4.44

Min I&S
& Min Rx&A

WD
25/4/44

Apart from the
usual mischievous objectionable
stuff there is a very
thinly veiled suggestion to falsify
returns & to hoard grain vide(A)
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GEN. & REV. SECRETARIAT.

SUBMITTED TO

THE DEWAN OF MYSORE

FOR ORDERS.

Draft of the Proceedings of the Council Meeting held this afternoon, is submitted herewith for favour of approval.

2. The drafts approved by the Members of Council are also put up.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE & LAW
1 MAY 1944
No. 6823.

The speech may also be brought to the notice of the Dewan

MAS 2/5/44

Min R & L
& Dewan

1/5/44

I believe we have already informed Dy Comrs to take action in cases where the speakers indulge in subversive utterances. Please put up references. Have copy of the Dy Comrs or the Dy of Police suggested or taken any action? Their responsibility does not cease with merely forwarding copies of speeches. They should clearly understand this.

RKK
5/5/44

I have also heard that some Congress people have been asked to preside at Taluk conferences and have as might be expected, made use of the opportunity to misrepresent the actions of Govt. Information on this point also may be quickly obtained

MM

(Actn has been taken separately to obtain this information. MM

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

2/5/44

P.T.

'M'

In connection with the release of detenus a communication was addressed to some of the District Magistrates, stating that the releases do not in any way affect their discretion to re-arrest the released persons or take any other suitable action under the Defence of India Rules, if the individuals should indulge in any unlawful activity. A copy of this communication was also forwarded to the Inspector General of Police.

Recently some of the Deputy Commrs, while forwarding reports of certain meetings held within their jurisdiction, have brought to the notice of Government the objectionable portions in some of the speeches made by some congressmen

'S' (1) Letter dated 9th April 1944 from the Dy. Commr., Bangalore.

'N' (2) Letter dated 26th April 1944 from the I. G. of Police.

'6' (3) Letter dated 25th April 1944 from the I.G.of Police.

'P' (4) Letter dated 17th April 44, from the Deputy Commr. Bangalore, stating that congress leaders are exploiting the opportunity to give a dark picture about the political conditions existing in the State.

'Q' (Linked file) The Dist. Magistrate, Kadur, has, in his letters dated 31st March and 27 April 1944, forwarded copies of certain speeches delivered by Mr.T.Subramanyam which are highly seditious and come within sections 124 A and 153 A of I. P. C. It is submitted in this connection that Mr. T. Subramanyam has already been warned by the Dy.Commr. of Tumkur to desist from making speeches of an objectionable nature in future. In spite of this, Mr.Subramanyam has continued to deliver ~~certain~~ speeches couched in objectionable languages in connection with the meeting which

'A' (Linked file)

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was organised by him at Mandya on the 13th April 1944. The Dist. Magistrate, Mandya, has been addressed in the matter.

It is for orders if a circular communication should be addressed to all the Dist. Magistrates to scrutinise the speeches made in connection with election campaign, and to bring to the notice of Govt. immediately cases which call for further action.

Sub for perusal in re. Mr. T. Subramanya, President of the Congress, it is proposed to consider the case that action may be taken against the Public Security Act under the Restriction & Detention (Emergency) Act, if he has delivered objectionable Speeches, subsequent to the Provincial Congress Conference. Min Rev & Dep't Con' Member can peruse

Min Rev & Secretary

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE & LAW 10 MAY 1944 No. 7149.

DEPUTY'S OFFICE 8 JUN 1944 NO. 7823

Draft Circular for Addl. Dist Magistrates

This was linked to CS 12-43-80481

No 6556-94/CS/12-43-FG
8/12 6.44
To Mr Dist. Magistrate Jhansi

Regret- them to take prompt action and release detenues who they happen to make objectionable speeches & engage themselves in subversive activities which would lower the prestige of Govt in the estimation of the public

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No.P.C. 2/47
Enc: One.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Dated, Bangalore, 9th April 1944.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIES & SUPPLIES
APR 11 1944
No. 6207

From

Mahomed Ismail Sheriff, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To

C.S. 10 APR 1944

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of the proceedings of the Public meeting held at Dodballapur on 5th April 1944 when some of the members of the local Congress spoke among other matters, on the present food situation in Mysore and criticising the policy of Government in this behalf.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR [illegible]
18 APR 1944
No. 6479

The objectionable portions are underlined for ready reference.

I have the honour to be,
S i r,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

gvm/- Min I & S
& Min R & L

CONFIDENTIAL.

Proceedings of the public meeting held at Dodballapur on 5th April 1944 in front of the Bus Stand.

Before the commencement of the meeting, Lavani Ramaswami of Bangalore sang a few lavanis. Mr. R.V. Bhadranna of Dodballapur then requested Mr. T. Siddlingiah to preside over the days celebrations and introduced Srimathi Bellary Siddama to the audience as a great lady of Mysore State who had sacrificed her all for the sake of the Mysore Congress and who had worked for emancipation of the poor and the upliftment of the country and the one lady who had the honour of being the President of the Mysore State Congress and requested her to deliver the lecture.

Srimathi Bellary Siddamma then spoke to the following effect Ladies and Gentlemen, -- In introducing me, my friend has spoken about me very highly to you and I am highly thankful to him for his kind words. I do not know if I deserve all he has said about me and I think that it is the love that they have got towards me that has made him speak like that. I cannot claim to have read toomuch and what little I am going to say to you is out of the experience that I have gained during the course of my work and by seeing conditions around. Therefore I request you to pardon me if there are any omissions and mistakes and take only the spirit behind my words.

I have been asked to speak a few words about the present political situation and the food problem. I presume that all of you know well the present political situation in the country and are reading about it in the papers daily. The main problem that is facing the country to-day is the food problem. Wherever we go we see people striving hard to get food and a sort of fear is existing in them that any day they might have to go without food to eat. People do not know how to combat this problem and we cannot fully understand what the Government is really doing to overcome this danger. In the name of protecting us they have taken all the food stuffs that are grown in the country and are taking such steps that cannot really protect us They have passed a law that ½ a seer per day per head should be allowed I do not know how they arrived at this decision and I cannot understand

how the people who claim to represent us allowed such a measure to be passed. What I want to ask them is " Take the ½ seer that you have granted us yourself and see if you can live on it". The law is only existing in books and not in actual practice. Though there has been plenty of growth this year throughout the country, there is still a sort of fear in the minds of the people that any day they and their relations might have to go without food. This is the real situation at present and it is our duty to devise measures to overcome this difficulty. We cannot rely on the government and think that they will come and protect us really in times of danger. No one will come and help us when bombs are falling and we are dying out of starvation. Our main duty therefore under such circumstances is to rely upon ourselves and work for that purpose. To meet this end in view, we must see that all kinds of foodstuffs are grown both in houses and the gardens and almost all the available vacant places. Vegetables that grow at short intervals, ie., within 2 or 3 months must be grown in the houses and other places. We should take such steps that really in times of danger we can manage to exist and rely upon ourselves. People in the house must also be guided in this line, for we do not know what is ahead of us and what dangers we may have to face. Our ladies must also be prepared to face such situations and if necessary they must become "Maris" instead of "Naris" to meet really exacting circumstances. I know that the people of this place, especially the ladies, are capable of it; for I have actually seen that type of spirit in them in the recent Conference and the only thing they require is some training. I need not tell you much about the various situations that will arise out of famine, for your have all read about what happened in Bengal. You know that there was fight between a boy and a dog for a small morsel of food and how the mother and the baby died for want of milk. Such conditions may come here but you must all be prepared to meet them. Another thing that you must do is, you should develop/ love for your country, even in the ladies and children. Look at the other countries that are fighting. Even though people are dying in thousands, they say that only a few are dying and are fighting day and night leaving their all for the sake of their country. Knowing full well all this is it not your duty to fight for your country? We are all as children

of the same mother India and until the whole of India unites and becomes a single house, there will be no salvation for us. Even this our ladies must understand and bring up their children in such a way that they become great men like Basavanna, Mahatma Ghandhi and Sivaji. They must bring up their children in such a way that they become brave men, by narrating stories of brave men and women of the past, and inculcate love for the country in them. It is the duty of men to see that all encouragement is given to the ladies in this work. You must educate your ladies, give them courage and freedom of movement and speech and thus make them prepared to face any situations that may arise. I have heard it said by many people that our ladies are not up to the mark and they cannot do this. To such people, my answer is- everything depends on the way we look at things and view them. Our ladies have all the requisite qualities but only opportunities are not given to them. Therefore do not curb their spirit but educate them and give them more opportunities to show their worth. It is the duty of ladies also to see that they do not misuse these opportunities but make full use of them. If all these things are done, not only ourselves, but the whole country will be saved and our freedom will not be long in coming. This is not the time for words but the time for action. I trust you will all bear in mind the things that I have said and prepare yourself to meet any situation that may arise. With that confidence, I thank you for the patient hearing you have given me and close my speech.

Mr. R.V. Bhadranna spoke to the following effect:- Ladies and Gentlemen- Just now you have all heard a magnificent speech by Srimathi Siddamma. I will not talk much about politics but only the situation in this Taluk, particularly the food situation in this place. As Srimathi Siddamma told you, we have grown enough and more this year due to the timely rains and by the grace of God and the Government are also telling that sufficient is available for the people; but actually we do not know where all this is going. Let us take the example of this taluk. We have grown sufficient ragi in this place and yet when we go to the depots and ask for it, we are not able to get it. Recently, when the Supplies Minister had visited this place, our Municipal Councillors went to him and explained

to him the real situation, he promised that he would look into the matter and see that things are set right early. He also promised that he would see that atleast 2 months stock of ragi was always available in this place and no difficulty would be experienced by the people. Even to this day nothing has been done and people are suffering for want of ragi. Why I have taken this ocasion to tell you about this is, unless we boldly speak in public meetings, our voices will not be heard. When such is the case, how can we have confidence in our government. Mr. T. Siddalingiah has been telling in all the places he has visited that the food situation should improve and also has issued a statement to the press to that effect. He has said that unless people are supplied with more food, the situation cannot improve and if it continues like this, the same conditions of Bengal may come to this place also. Though our people know all this, they are still keeping quite. be cause by nature they are patient and hope that things will be set right. If the same situation had arisen in England, if one man had died out of starvation in that place, all the people of that place would have gone to the parliament and fought with the Government to set right the conditions. I must say that it is not possible for this Government to effectively control the situation and it is only a people's government that can set right things and bring salvation.

Another thing I want to tell you about is the recent enhancement of the House tax. Many people who have received notices are under the impression that the recent Municipal Councillors are responsible for it. But what actually happened is, 5 years ago a special officer was deputed to study the condition of the houses in the town to decide on reassesment and that man recommended for the enhancement of the tax by double and the Municipal councillors fought for its reduction and with great difficulty managed to have it increased by a few rupees. This is actually what happened and the Municipal Councillors are not to blame.

He then moved a resolution codemning the action of the Government in banning "Viswakarnataka" and requesting for the immediate removal of the ban, which was taken as passed by clapping of hands

Mr. T. Siddalingiah then spoke to the following effect:- Friends, Srimati Bellary Siddamma and Mr. Bhadranna have spoken to you in detail about the present situation and I do not want to speak at great length on same subject and spoil the impression they have created. I endorse every word of what they have said and will speak to you for a few minutes. I must say that our Government has become a strange Government. I call it strange because the method adopted here is quite different from elsewhere. In British India, where there are 1500 towns, rationing has been introduced only in about 300 towns and there is no rationing in the villages. But in our State rationing has been introduced to all the villages. I cannot understand why they have taken this course. I can understand rationing in towns, for people there do not grow anything but only have to buy. In villages the practical life is quite different and rationing does not seem to agree to its customs. For if there are 100 people in a village, about 90 people will be depending on the growth of the 10 others and if the food grown by the ten is taken away, the other 90 will have to suffer for want of food. Even Sir A. Ramaswamy Modaliar, the Food Member of the Government of India, has declared that rationing in villages cannot work. When that is the case, I cannot understand how our government thought of introducing it to the villages. It is only on account of this, I think, the present difficulties are existing. I do not want to tell you much about the horros of famine, for if we remember Bengal, we can imagine its horrors. Therefore, before such a situation arises, the Government must change its policy and return all the excess foddstuffs that they have taken from the villages and remove the rationing system there, so that people from the villages do not rush to the towns for want of food and create another Bengal in Mysore I know that this is a responsible job for the Government to do but still they must undertake it. We have also our responsibility in helping the Government in this respect. We must also see that more food is grown in our houses, gardens and lands so that in times of real necessity we can rely upon ourselves and not others. We do not know when this War is going to stop. It may take another 3 years, or 4 years and as some say even 10 years. As long as the war lasts there will be scarcity for things and it is therefore our duty

xxxx to act with foresight and prepare ourselves for any situation. Another that our people must develop is the habit of asking what they want. boldly. Without asking, nothing will be given and if they keep quiet, nothing will be given and they will have to suffer. I have heard some people say that Congress people merely talk and are after power. To such people, my answer is Congress is the only organisation that is working for the good of the country and the people and they go into the Municipalities and District Boards only with this purpose in view and not for power and position. There may be some loopholes but you must ignore them & and look to the organisation and not individuals. I do not want to criticise the Government too much now because I know that they can set right the things and hope they will do it early. As the present important problem is to get food for the stomach, I hope all of you will bear the points that were described, in mind and act according to it and help to ease the situation. On behalf of your all, I thank Srimathi Bellary Siddamma for having come over to this place and addressed you.

After "Vande Mataram" and the usual congress Jais, the meeting terminated

The meeting commenced at about 9-15 P.M. and terminated at about 10-30 P.M. All the speeches were made in Kannada. About 250 persons (50 women & 50 boys) attended the meeting. The speeches appeared to be not very impressive.

Submitted to the District Superintendent of Police Bangalore District, Bangalore.

Sri.a Parthasarathy.
Stenographer,
Bangalore D. P. O.

6th April 1944.

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No Pol- 1. /43-44

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
Dated Bangalore the 17th April 1944

From

Mahomed Ismail Sheriff, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District,
B a n g a l o r e.

To

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.
B a n g a l o r.e.

Sir,

Subject: Congress public Meeting at Byatha-village, Yelhanka Range, Bangalore North, held on the 13th March 1944.

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government, a copy of the proceedings of the above meeting received with No. S. B. 569/43-44 dated the 24th March 1944 from the District Superintendent of Police, Bangalore District.

The meeting is reported to have been held under the auspices of the Yelhanka Congress Committee and is further reported to have been attended to by about 300 persons and that the meeting was addressed by Congress leaders including Mr T. Subbrahmaniem, the President of the Congress. The Object of the meeting appears to be nothing short of an election campaign by the Congress for the ensuing District Board Elections.

Incidentally the leaders have exploited the opportunity to address the public about the food situation as well as the political condition in the state, giving a very dark and untrue picture. Certain statements not supported by facts and circumstances have been made by some of the speakers which are likely to mislead the ignorant masses, who generally attend such meetings. Such unfounded statements like "the present food situation is inter-connected with the political question and is entirely due to the British Diplomacy and that unless the Britishers quit India , there is no peace

16 there is no peace to the people" - when put into the minds of un-intelligent masses , who cannot reason out for themselves is likely to rouse their feelings. In this connection, I invite particular reference to the passages marked A, B, D, in the speech of Mr. Subbrahmaniem and to the passage marked C in the speech of Mr. K. Hanumanthaiya.

In the passage marked D Mr. Subbrahmaniem has stated that people though not openly, are wishing for the success of Japanese and that even a Government Officer drawing a salary of Rs 1200/- to Rs 1400/- made a reference to this effect attributed as the feelings of the people.

I understand that Mr. Subbrahmaniem and other Congress leaders are touring in the other Districts also in connection with the District Board Elections and unless certain amount of restrictions are imposed upon them, their speeches are likely to create certain amount of unwholesome effect on the minds of the un- intelligent masses, who genrally attend such meetings.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
your most obedeint servant

Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

C. F. No. 46] **GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE** D 2990 17

No. SB.532/43-44. **OFFICE OF** the Inspector-General of Police
Encls. in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Date April 25, 1944.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
Mysore, Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR REVENUE & LAW
28 APR 1944
No. 6757.

Sir, 6756 I have the honour to enclose herewith for information of the Government, copies of proceedings of Congress election propaganda meetings addressed by M/s: A.G.Ramachandra Rao of Hassan, and S.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug, at Hassan on the 18th instant, and by M/s: H.C.Dasappa of Mysore and A.G.Ramachandra Rao at Dudda village, Hassan - Taluk, on the 22nd instant.

The speeches of M/s: H.C.Dasappa and S.Nijalingappa are objectionable. Your attention is invited specially to portions marked 1, 2, 3 & 4 in each proceedings.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
IN MYSORE. on leave.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE 26 APR 1944 GOVT. OF MYSORE

Subd for perusal. The speeches are by Congress leaders and in connection with D.B. elections.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
3315
25 APR. 1944
BANGALORE.
SPECIAL BRANCH

Maidan, Hassan Taluk, on Saturday the 22nd April 1944 at 4-30 P.M. in connection with the ensuing District Board Elections of Hassan. About 200 ryots who had come for the shandy attended the meeting.

After shouting several Jais, Mr. Lakkappa of Kantharajpur spoke thus:-

This day we have come here, as already published in the hand-bills to do propaganda work in connection with the ensuing District Board Elections. You know that the Congress also has contested, and Karle Thimmegowda and Manjappagowda have stood as Congress candidates. To do this work, Mr. H.C.Dasappa has come here from Mysore. Since many days he is touring in various districts to canvass votes for the Congress in the ensuing District Board Elections. Now, he has come here. You must know that he has sacrificed much for the sake of the people and congress. Many a time he had gone to Jail. About a year ago he was released. When he came out, he saw that the food problem was very acute Though unwell, he thought it was his duty to serve the people in their distress. He called for a Food Conference at Bangalore. Before the food conference was held the ryots and the people were given ¼ seer of food grains per day. In the Food Conference the problem was fully discussed and a resolution was passed to the effect that at least ½ seer of food grains must be given to the ryots per day. Now, they are given ½ a seer. Many farmers are helped in this way. You are helped since the Congressites took up your cause. In this connection, I have to tell you that no one other than the Congressites took up your cause. Of course, there are many Independent candidates now who will ask you to give your votes. But where were they at that time? Since, they cannot place all of your representations boldly before the Govt., they did not approach you at all. Now, let me tell you the position of the ryots in other countries. They are much better now than what they were before their countries entered the war But here, we have to shed tears at the condition of the ryot Since 5 years the great war is going on. England, Germany and Italy are actively engaged in the war. But yet the condition of the ryots in those countries is very good, since the Govt. gives them every help. Crores of rupees have been spent for their welfare to give them proper accommodation. Even in this war time, the

is no war. Yet the money of the public is looted. We do not know the troubles that we ~~have~~ to have to face if the war should be waged in our country. All of you must be united and talk with one voice. We have come here to awaken you from your idleness. Your strength will increase proportionately to your awakening. If you cast your votes in favour of the Congress and make it suecessful, the Govt. thinks that the people are supporting the Congress. If not, the Govt. says that you are not backing us. If the Congress people are elected, your troubles will be lessened a bit. I will not speak more. Mr.H.C. Dasappa has come here. If there was unity amongst you and if all of you were supporting the Congress, there would have been no independent candidates. just as in Chennarayapatna. During the previous elections, many independent candidates spent thousands of rupees to gain the votes of the people. But their attempts proved futile. Thousands of votes were in favour of the Congressites and the independent candidates learnt a good lesson in Chennarayapatna. That is why, they have not opposed the Congressites there this time. The independent candidates may be good, rich and influential. Many of them may be your relatives. Yet much work cannot be done by individuals. On the other hand, Congress is an organisation. There is much unity in it. Just as 2 hands are required to produce sound, so also many people are required to achieve an end. Lastly. I request all of you to vote for the Congress candidates on the 29th instant. I hope you will comply with my request. (Claps).

Mr. H.C.Dasappa of Mysore next spoke thus:

For requesting me to do propaganda work in this District and for giving me this rousing reception here, I congratulate all of you on behalf of the Congress. My health is not very good. Since a long time I am unwell. In 1939 when I was in Jail, my health became very bad. I was suffering from Rheumatism. I could not get proper treatment here. My health turned to the worse. Even Mahatmaji knew this. His private secretary, late Mr. Mahadev Desai, a good friend of the Congress and mine, wrote a letter to me informing the intention of Mahatmaji to go over to Sevagram for curing my disease. I was there for a few months. I became alright. But the ~~treatment and diet~~ diet restrictions were severe. Hence I was reduced much in weight. Afterwards, I returned to Mysore. Again I was put into Jail. After my return, I thought to take

till now, they were immersed in their own work and had completely forgotten you. On account of the Food Conference at Bangalore, the food problem has been ameliorated to a little extent. In the Assembly also. this was much debated upon. The people who sit in public offices, do not know anything. They have not tasted Ragi balls. They say "Ragi tree" or "Paddy tree" referring to plants. In the morning and afternoon, they take coffee and tiffin. They have two round meals in a day. Their health is so delicate that if they were to receive "Mangalarathi", their body will be heated and if they take "Thirtha", they catch cold. They do not know how much food is required to the people per day. It is common experience that a labourer who has to climb up and descend arecanut tree must have ½ seer of rice before and after climbing and descending. Again he must have his daily food. In this way, the ryot requires at least 1 seer of food grains per day. Even children must have at least ½ seer of rice per day. But now the ryot is given only ½ a seer per day. I am telling all these since here is a reporter on behalf of the Govt. All these things will go to the notice of Govt. Hence my detail speech. (Claps). Apart from these, the civilians in Mysore Bangalore and other places are given ¼ seer per man per day. The food grains will be filled with mud and pebbles. After sorting these, the remaining will be much less. The ryot requires at least ½ seer of rice for his morning 'bread.' Then what is the fate of his family and children? The Govt. is not paying any attention to this aspect. Have they realised as to how many people are suffering from ill-health on account of insufficiency of food? In many places, the coolies do not work for more than 5 or 6 hours a day. When enquired, they say that their limbs do not work on account of insufficiency of food. This state of affairs is absolutely bad. I know the condition of the ryots of Hassan since 1912. Then I was a student and coming here often. They are very good people. Now their condition is absolutely bad. They cannot have butter, ghee and other necessities of life. The Govt. are not doing much to better your condition. This is found both in India and Mysore. In England, the condition of the people is much better They have what is known as the Beveridge plan, according to which the homeless will be given houses. Every-one must be employed. If a person

I thought that I must not rest when the people were experiencing much hardship. The civil liberties of the ryots and the people ~~is~~ are very much oppressed. The country and the condition of the people will be bettered only when the peoples' Govt. or the Ryots' Govt. comes into existence. In other words, when the democracy in its complete form is given to us, the people will be happy and prosperous. The British Empire is fighting for the establishment of democracy. But it is denying the same to us. All the native Rajas are helping Great Britain in this war saying that they are helping the cause of democracy. But if we demand responsible Govt., and request them to establish it here first of all, we will be convicted and sentenced to suffer 18 months R.I. I need not tell you all these. I returned from Jail a few months ago. The food problem was facing grimly. Everywhere there was commotion in the country. I must have taken some rest. My wife was particular that I must become O.K. before I begin to work But the condition of the poor ryots and labourers called my attention. So, I began to work. Mr. Lakkappa has told the particulars of the Food Conference at B'lore. Soon after I returned from Jail, I called for a Food Conference at Chennarayaptna, wherein the Govt. Officers behaved rudely previous year at Sravanabelagola. I cannot describe the difficulties experienced by the people of Chennarayapatna. The people only know it. The Amildar gave innumerable troubles to the people. On 19th the Food Conference was arranged there. The petty officials looted the houses of the poor ryots and took away all the ragi whether it be 10, 5 or 2 pallas. Nobody enquired their troubles. Another thing must be made explicit. Bribery is rampant everywhere. Some officers have become "Whales". The people have no strength and courage to tell these to any one, and not even to higher authorities. But we advertised these things in newspapers. We used the platform to express these ideas. Now, it has been lessened to a great extent. But the evil still is there facing us. Before the Congress leaders were released from Jail, nobody enquired you. Were there not many leaders in your places? What were they doing then? Now, they have come forward to request you to give your votes. This sort of work is very bad. It is sheer injustice practised upon the people Now, they request you to give

one is unwell, he will be given proper medical aid. Pregnant women are given 2 months or 3 months ~~xxxx~~ leave for labour and confinement. Old people are given Oldage pensions. But it is quite/ separate here. People take their birth and die like flies. In 1927 the Irwin canal was constructed. Then alone I said that it will be very difficult to protect the health of ryots. But they did not take my warning. Now, the result is that many villages are in a helpless position. They have no male population at all. Many fields are left fallow, especially when the "Grow more Food Campaign" is in full swing. Again there are Hobli workers. What are they doing? Absolutely nothing. You know their work, and how much food is grown more on account of their effort. To eradicate all these evils, there is only one panacea, i.e., the establishment of peoples Government, when the ministers are elected by the people. This kind of Govt. is in England, America and everywhere. I need not utilise much of your time, since I have to meet you again after 7 or 8 months in connection with the elections of R.A. and L.C. In our country there is much gap between the economic condition of the ryots and the pay of the officers. who get thousands of rupees per month. At the same time the poor school masters and clerks get only Rs.20/- or Rs.25/-. The total revenue of our State is only 6 crores of rupees, whereas that of Japan is 500 crores of rupees. There the Prime minister gets a salary of Rs.612/-: but here our Dewan gets ~~xxxxxx~~ Rs.5000/- a month and other ministers Rs.2000/-. There the High Court Judges get Rs.400 or 500/-. In Turkey we see the same thing. On the other hand, there the poor school masters, clerks and P.Cs. get higher pay In our country this is not seen. The Officers get very high pay. Why? Do they have many children and big stomachs? This kind of paying the high officers heavily is a sort of daylight robbery. In Madras and Bombay, Messrs. C. Rajagopalachari and B.G.Kher were getting a pay of Rs.500/-; ~~xx~~ though the revenue of these Presidencies is ~~xxxx~~ only 16 or 17 crores. But here the Dewan and ministers get thousands of rupees. Do these people, work more than those people? The ryots will work all the 365 days and pay the revenue which must be utilised for their own benefit. But much of the revenue goes to the salary of -

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adorn their wifes with diamonds and pearls. On the other hand, the children of the ryot have not even the castor oil to be smeared upon their head. The women folk work hard, having no education and knowledge. The children of the officers and ryots are the same. In democratic countries, if the Govt. does not look after the welfare of the people, they have power to throw off the Govt. and place such people there as who enjoy their confidence. In India. Mahatmaji also is fighting for the establishment of such a Govt., i.e., Swaraj. He has established Congress to fight for that cause. India is a sacred country wherein the sacred rivers Ganges, Cauvery, Krishna and Jamuna flow. But our Rajas were quarrelling amongst themselves, leaving room for foreigners to get a footing here. First of all the Moghuls came here. But they did not loot our country. They ruled here and settled here. But it is the different case with the British, who came here for commercial purposes. Seeing the civil war between the Rajas, they trained Indians as soldiers and easily sided one Raja or the other and in the end, they established their rule all over India. Then they gave it to their King. The people who drew our attention to this point are the late Dadaboi Nowroji and Balagangadhara Tilka. India was the richest country formerly. Everyone wanted to possess it. But now, it is reduced to utter poverty. India was famous for Dacca Muslin, which was exported to Egypt and other places. But now all the industries have vanished on account of the British rule. On the other hand, in the present administration, there is an arrack or toddy shop in every village. I hope there is none here. (Some one in the audience said that they had one). It seems that there is one here also. The Mysore Govt. have copied the administration of the British Congress says that this evil must be eradicated. Nothing can be done anywhere, since we are all servants of the British. In Bengal alone, nearly 25 lakhs of people died on account of starvation, which is the outcome of the mal administration. Mahatmaji has established Congress to achieve Swaraj Balagangadhara Tilak was the first man to say that "Swaraj is my birthright". Not only he was a politician, but also he was a great writer. His "Githa Ranasya" is the best commentary on Gita. Again Lala Laj Pat Rai was a great hero. He was known as " Punjab's Kesari" or Lion of Punjab. Such a person was exiled from Punjab. For a long time he was in America. Then

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active part to boycott the same. A British policemen hit him on the chest and 20 days after he died. Again there were Motilal Nehru and C.R.Das. They were very rich people; but yet they sacrificed much for the good of the people. It seems that C.R.Das got 10 lakhs of rupees as fees in one single case. Again we have Jawaharlal Nehru who was brought up in a gold cradle. But now, he has sacrifieed every thing and is a favourite disciple of Mahatmaji. He is the Arjun of the Congress. Again we have Vallabhai Patel, Babu Rajendra Prasad. Mahadev Desai, Private Secretary of Mahatmaji died recently in Jail. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who has read a good deal of Islamic literature, is the President of the All India National Congress. His wife died recently. She wanted to see her husband's face before she expired. But the British Govt. did not concede her request. Again Sri. Kasturibai Gandhi died in Jail at the age of 75. She followed her husband in every struggle in South Africa and India. Congress consists all those people. It is the representative of all the 40 crores of people belonging to various creeds and castes. It has crores of patriotic people. Our Mysore Congress is growing under the guidance of Mahatmaji with Truth and Non-violence. But we are finding here some people who want to stand against the Congress. Are they greater people than the leaders of the All- India National Congress and Mahatmaji? It is a great injustice on their part to have contested the elections as independent candidates. Messrs. Kappanna-Gowa, Thimmarayappa, Ramiah, Shamanna and others Bommegowda and Thimmegowda might have stood as independent candidates. But they being independent. nothing can be gained by individuals. Congress is guided by Mahatmaji, who is an incaranation of God. Even people of America and other western countries think that he is an incarnation of Christ. Even the repetition of his name will achieve much success. I can only say that God must give them sufficient intelligence as not to oppose Congress. In this connection there lies your mistake also. If you were united as in Chennarayaptna, independents would not have contested at all. In 1937 I stood on independent ticket. Then I was not in the Congress. Many of my friends requested to stand upon the Congress ticket. If any person requests your votes, you please ask them:"Are you coming from Gandhi Side". "If not, please stand on congress ticket, we will vote for you". Then they will simply go away.

away. Another thing I want to tell you. You must adjust yourself according to the time. Nobody can go against a strong tide, nor can he stop it with his palm. I will give you an instance for this. In 1937 I stood as an independent candidate. My wife became a congress member in 1936. She plainly told me that she would get me all facilities as a husband and serve me, but her vote was reserved to Mr. Lingappiah, who then stood as a Congress candidate. During the last elections she had come here for doing propaganda work. Then I was unwell. Now she is unwell, and I have come here, since I am a bit better. Durging the last elections to the R.A. the Congress gained 119 seats our of 134 seats. Then these people, viz., Messrs. Gundappagowda and Kappannagowda were defeated. In 1938, I was arrested and elections were held for the L.C. My wife stood as a congress candidate and Rao Sahib Munivenkatappa, Palace Contractor, stood as an independent candidate. Almost all the tongas and buses were hired by him. The voters made use of his vehicles and voted for the Congress candidate. My wife got many votes and the deposit amount of the independent candidate was for-feited, since she got very few votes. You must not be led away by communalism. If any person belongs to your community, you may have relationship with him by marriage and other ties, but your vote must always be given to those who will fight for the people's cause. Even in Gita, the same thing is said. Arjuna says that he cannot fight against his relations, teachers and kinsmen. But Sri Krishna advised him to do his duty. Then Arjuna kills all the opponents. Again you have Prahlada, who disobeyed his own father, who was lateron killed by God. In British India, the same thing has happened. Even the sons and daughters of Kts., and Sirs have voted for the Congress. This organisation is working under the guidance of Mahatmaji. Hence every one must vote for the congress candidates only, who work in a group. Even Sri Rama alone could not fight against Ravana. He had to request Anjaneya, Nala, Anga and others to build the bridge for him. Just as Sri Rama wanted the help of the monkey group, so also your help is required for the Congress to build Swaraj. But the others, viz., the independent candidates are removing the foundation of this organisation. This is absolutely bad. It seems that some are given toddy and thus they get their votes. In the last elections, Messrs. Gundappagowda and

Minister was defeated But Kappannagowda resigned his seat and elections were held again. Then Sir Mirza was the ~~minist~~ Dewan.Mr. Gundasetty was the S.D.O. He called every shanbhogue and asked them to work for the independent candidate. Thus Mr.Gundappagowda was elected. In British India such things are not seen as they were present in the regime of Sir Mirza. Though I was not here then, I knew everything from Mr.K.T.Bhshyam who phoned to me everything.The people are experienceng much difficulty. Even now the Govt. are keeping quiet. I do not show much respect for this sort of Govt. But during these elections, there will not be such things as in previous times. I do not simply allege matters. I am very glad to say that during these elections, such things will not take place. Though Mr.T.R. Ramiah was the then D.C. here. he gave room for these things. I am very sorry since he is my class mate. If we should make a list of the injustices done at that time, I think it will be a very long one. Please vote for the Congress candidates only who work with Truth and Non-violence as their mottoes. In Gita, it is said that whenever Dharma is demolished, He will incarnate for the good of mankind. Now Mahatmaji has incarnated for the welfare of mankind. If you do not vote for the Congress, you will be committing "Droha" to the country. I hope you will all vote for the Congress candidates only on the 29th instant. I cannot say more. (Claps).

Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao of Hassan next spoke thus:

Since everything has been said. I do not speak more. Mr.H.C Dasappa has told you everything and I will tell you only a few matters. Nearly 15.000 people are in Jail inluding Mahatmaji and other leaders. Why are they there? They are there to do you service and to better the condition of the masses of India. They are there to establish Swaraj. Our country is not independent. Our Mysore State is paying subsidy to the British. Mahatmaji and other leaders met at Bombay to form the lines upon which the struggle for independence should begin. But soon afterwards, they were arrested. Congress is the representative of all the 40 crores of people who are scattered over all the 7½ lakhs of villages and other cities of India. Many people do not know what the Congress has done. It is not possible to see perceivably the doings of the Congress. It takes nearly 20 years to

to educate one's own son to get B.A. When that is the case, how long will it take to educate a nation? You must think about this factx. Ireland is near England. Yet it took nearly 600 years to become independent. It is very easy to lose a thing. But it is difficult to gain it, again. But thinking it is difficult to get it again, we must not keep quiet. Hyderabad State is nearly twice or 3 times bigger than Mysore It is a very rich State. Even the Nizam's personal yearly income is nearly 2 to 3 crores of rupees. Yet he is not independent He has to take the permission of His Majesty's Govt. to appoint his own minister or if he wants to go out of Hyderabad. Hence all the people must be united and work under the guidance of Gandhiji. He wrote a letter to the Viceroy ~~xxxx~~ stating that he would offer Satnyagraha if he does not get a reply from him within 15 days. Without giving any reply, he was arrested a few days later at 4 A.M at Bombay. Lakhs of people were arrested afterwards. In Mysore also many people were arrested. On behalf of the Govt. of His Highness, and the Dewan, Mr.A.V.Ramanathan, the then Law Minister asked Mr. T.Subramanyam. President of the Congress to see him. After discussion, the President was told that before their return to Mysore they should not have any ~~xxxxx~~ programme of work and that after their return he would be sent for by the Dewan when everything will be discussed. But before our leaders returned to Mysore, they were arrested at Yasavanthapur. Many people were subsequently arrested. Afterwards, many laws were passed regarding the food problem. The Govt. said that only ¼ seer of food grains is sufficient for a person per day. Keeping such quanity with the ryots, all the rest was taken to Govt. by the petty officers. Even 50 or 100 seers were taken to Govt. While we were in Jail, on December 3rd, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ it was ordered that paddy and ragi must be thrashed within 31st Dec. If not the Shanbhogue should seal the food grain heap. At that time Mr. Karle Thimmegowda, ~~the~~ candidate for these elections, wrote a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, that it was not possible to separate the grain from the hay in the winter and the same can only be done in Summer and if it should be done in winter, much corn will be left over and the loss will be very great. The Deputy Commissioner called for him and threatened that he would be imprisoned if he should write such things. When fully explained, the Deputy Commissioner cancelled his order. In every Taluk and District, there is a Food Committee, and the members did nothing at that time They kept quiet. Now they are coming forward to request you to

are helping you by giving 25 seers of rice, kerosene oil, sugar &c. just to gain your votes. Their help is only temporary. You must not be duped by such people. Another matter that I want to bring to your notice is the writing of accounts by the Shanbhogues. They are asked to sit in Taluk offices and write up false accounts, such as, 8 or 10 annas crop though a good crop is not seen. This is absolutely bad. In some places, good quality of grain is not forthcoming on account of dearth of rain. In other places, there are no crops at all, since rains have failed. This is very bad. In England and other Western countries, the ryots are far better than they were 4 or 5 years ago. The rates have increased in the ratio of 1:1¼. But here it is quite different. The rates have increased by 300 or 400 per cent. Though the farmers in England grow only ¼ part of the food they require, they are quite happy, since the Govt. gets food from other countries and distributes to the people. But here we are troubling to have our food, though we grow a good lot. In Bengal alone nearly 25 lakhs of people died on account of starvation, though the sacred Ganges is flowing. Who is responsible for this? The Govt. misused the opportunities, and hence the trouble arose. It is quite sufficient if the Govt. do not do anything but see that nothing is exported outside the State. We have come here to do propaganda work in favour of the Congress candidates. You know there are independent candidates, viz., Ramiah, Thimmarayappa, Shamanna and Kappannagowda. If they were to withdraw their candidature and stand on congress ticket, we are prepared to do propaganda work for them (Claps). If not, you must not help them. Mr. Thimmarayappa is a pensioner who cannot fight your cause boldly against the Govt. Again Mr. Kappannagowda has committed an unpardonable mistake, since he resigned his seat in R.A. last time and made way to Mr. Gundappa gowda, who is a friend of mine and an Ex-President of the Mysore Congress. When he was in the Congress, all of us worked for him. But we have now understood that there is no use from non-official ministers until the system of administration remains as it is. Though there are 3 Brahmin ministers, my fate is the same as before. Though Sir Mirza ruled over Mysore for 15 years, the fate of the Jutka driver is not better. Hence peoples' Govt. is required. Only then, there will be good for

the system of administration. When Mr. Gundappagowda was in the Congress he was arguing that Ministers, Dewan and other high officers of the State must get only Rs. 500/- as pay per month. But after he became a minister, he changed. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar brought in a resolution in the L.C. to the effect that all high officers of the State including the Dewan must get a pay of Rs.500/-. When votes were taken, Mr. Gundappagowda voted against the proposition. In Madras and Bombay the Congress Ministers resigned when they no longer were able to serve the country. In that way, our non-official ministers must have resigned if they could not serve you. But they do not do it, since you have no hold upon them. One more fact must be told now. Some people argue that they would give one vote to the congressite and another to an independent candidate. If you do so, it is not possible to work together. If a chariot should move, both the wheels are required. If not the chariot comes to a stop. Hence please cast your votes to the Congress candidates. There is no communalism in the Congress. Messrs. K.T.Bhashyam, H.C.Dasappa, T.Subrahmanyam and T.Siddalingiah were Presidents of the Congress. For the present Mr. Subramanyam is the President. Again there may be some relatives in the independent candidates. But you must cast your vote in favour of the Congress, without breaking your relationship in any way. The Congressites have sacrificed much for your sake. Hence, your are requested to vote for the Congress candidates. In Chennarayapatna, Arkalgud and Holenarsipur, there are no independent candidates, since the people are supporting the Congress. In all other countries, viz., Russia, Germany, Italy, all the people are united, and are fighting against their opponents. Here also we must be united in order to establish independence which was lost 150 years ago. The British have created a black market in India for gold. A few years ago, they exported all gold at the rate of Rs.24 or 25/- a sovereign. But now, they are importing the same at the rate of Rs.80/- or Rs.81/-, so much so, they reap a profit of Rs.50/- on every sovereign. The British are looting us in every way. All these cannot be stopped by one person. Hence you should vote for the Congress organisation. Lastly I must tell you one more matter. Mr.H.C. Dasappa has no vote here. Then, why has he come here to do propaganda work? He wants that Congress should win. Every one of you must vote for the Congress candidates only. When elections took place in Madras.

Madras, an old man aged 85 years walked 65 miles for voting for the Congress candidates. He did not utilise the vehicles offered. He walked for 3 days and cast his vote in favour of the Congress. Next Saturday, all you must vote for the Congress candidates only. Lastly, I must tell you the manner of voting. Messrs. Karle Thimmegowda and Manjappagowda are the congress candidates. Mr. Karle Thimmegowda's sign is a "Thrisula", and that of Mr. Majappagowda's a "Charka". Again I have to thank all of you for coming over here and listening to the speeches patiently till now. (Claps). In Kattaya and other places, the Congressites got a rousing reception with music, Congress flag and bullock-carts. I hope you will also give such receptions in future. For the present, you are all requested to vote for the Congress candidates and make the Congress successful in the elections. (Claps).

After shouting some slogans and Jais, the meeting terminated at 6 P.M.

The speeches were in Kannada. They were effective.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, D.P.O., Hassan,
Dated, 23-4-44.

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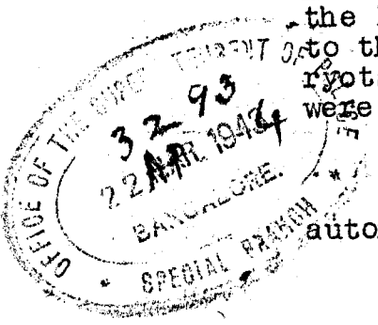

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Proceedings of the public meeting held in the Shandy Maidan, Hassan, in connection with District Board Elections, on Tuesday the 18th April 1944 at 4-45 P.M. About 300 people, who had come to the shandy, attended the meeting. Almost all of them were ryots. A few local congressites also were present. The speeches were in Kannada.

After shouting several Jais, Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao, Hassan, automatically became the President and spoke thus:-

This day Messrs. K.T.Bashyam, K.Changalaraya Reddy and H.C. Dasappa ought to have come here to do propaganda work for the ensuing District Board elections. But they have not come since they are touring in other Districts. Mr. K.T.Bashyam is unwell and hence he has not come. The other two people are busy in other districts. But they have sent Mr. Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug. Chief Secretary of the Congress. to this place. He is a very important person in the Congress. During the last Disturbances, he was kept in Kolar Jail for a long time, i.e., 6 or 7 months. From this, his strength and influence can be seen. Secondly his Sannad also has been withdrawn. Now he will give a message regarding the significance of vote. On your behalf I request him to speak. (Claps)

Mr.Nijalingappa of Chitaldrug next spoke thus:-

It is my fortune that I have come here to do propaganda work on behalf of the Congress candidates and thus I am making your acquaintance Myself and other congressites were kept in prison for 16 months and were recently released. There was a wonderful policy of the Government both in Mysore and British India. The congressites were imprisoned without giving any reason. Mahatmaji wrote a letter to the Viceroy to the effect that if he did not get a suitable reply from him, he would start Sathyagraha But on the next day Mahatmaji was arrested You must have known that Mahatmaji is an incarnation of God. He is worshipped in every house. Yet the Govt. put him in Jail without giving any reason. In many ways the Govt. repressed the people. In Mysore also, repression went on in various ways. The people were subjected to many difficulties Many people died and many were imprisoned during those disturbances. We must become independent With that idea in mind, many people met death Even in your Hassan District at Sravanabelagola many people died and the people were troubled in

people or the Congress was not responsible for these. It is not their mistake. It is the mistake of the Govt. (Even Mahatmaji has said that the disturbances arose on account of the work of the Govt., who put the great leaders in Jail.) But the Govt.have alleged that Mahatmaji was responsible to everything. Mahatmaji is not the person to do such base things. (At this time the speaker was given a tender cocoanut. He drank it). I was speaking to you regarding the August disturbances of 1942. There was an upheaval soon after the arrest of the national leaders. In Mysore, also the leaders were arrested. The leaders, had gone to Bombay to seek the advice of Mahatmaji. But this thing is more important. On the 30th July, Mr. A.V.Ramanathan, the then Law Minister of Mysore, addressed a letter to Mr.T.Subramanyam, President of the Congress, to meet him. Accordingly, he met the Law Minister, who told him that he will be wanted by the Dewan after his return from Bombay and in the meanwhile he should not try to start any agitation. While we were returning from Bombay, many Congressites were arrested, in British India. We thought that we would not be arrested since the Law Minister had said that the President had to meet the Dewan after our return from Bombay. But at Yasavanthapur, the Dist. Suprdt. of Police arrested us - Malavalli Veerappa, Thimma Reddi, myself and others. Though we were assured that nothing would take place before our return from Bombay, we were arrested. For this, you have to give your reply on the 29th inst. Though we wrote many letters to the Govt. asking them to intimate the reason for our arrest, they have not given us suitable reply. After keeping us in Jail for 15 months. they released us recently. At any time the people will be arrested and at any time they will be released. The people are like sheep. By that time Mr. H.C.Dasappa had gone to Jail. Mr. Tagadur Ramachandra Rao was arrested. Your Thimmappagowda and Manjappagowda also were arrested. All of us were arrested contrary to the assurance given to us by the Govt. When we went to Jail, the food problem was not so keen as it is now. The condition of the ryot was much better. When we were released from Jail, the condition of the ryot was much different. He can have only ½ a seer of food grains per day. The rest of the food grains grown by him must be sold to Govt. at Govt. controlled rates.

(Another tender cocoanut was given to him. He drank it). (Since last August food grains were taken from you forcibly.) This time, it is even bad. The condition of the ryot is worse. Every place, enquiries are being made by me. The ryots are asked whether there are any advantages or disadvantages from the orders of Government. From these enquiries, I am convinced that the ryots are undergoing many difficulties. They are not getting sufficient food. They are not getting seeds for agricultural operations. (Government are not helping them.) Government have ordered on the 3rd Dec. 1943 that the ryot can have only ½ a seer of food grains per day, and not more. Not only that, the ryot has to sell the remaining food grains to the Govt. at the Govt. controlled rates. They pay lower rates to the ryot and sell the same to people in the cities for a profit of Rs.2 or 3/-. Why should they get profit? We have said time and again that ½ a seer of food grains per day is not sufficient for the ryot. who has to toil hard in the sun and rain. When I enquired, I was informed that every ryot requires at least 7 ragi balls per day Each ball requires ¼ seer of ragi. Without this amount of food, the ryot cannot work hard. In the morning, he wants 2 balls. At 2 or 3 P.M. he requires 3 balls and at night 2 balls. The ryot requires at least 1½ seers of food grains per day. Our Food Minister Mr.M.A.Srinivasan says that ½ a seer of food grains is sufficient as per his calculation. He has not gone to the villages with a view to know the conditions of the ryots. He does not know the difficulties of the ryots. If he can go and work along with a ryot in the hot sun, for a day, he will understand the quantity of the food grains needed by a person per day. (Claps). The Govt. officers do not toil hard in the sun. Their brains work. Whereas other limbs do not work at all. As per their calculation, only ½ a seer of food grains is sufficient. Their calculation is only known to God. If the ryot is to live upon only ½ seer of food grains, he will become a weakling and a prey to disease. In that condition, he cannot grow more. This day, this fact must be known to Govt. Even if it is known, I do not know what happens to our sayings. At least the ryot must have sufficient food to cultivate his lands. On the 29th inst you must give your reply to Govt. Ten years, there was economic de-

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grains, he had to sell a greater part of the same to meet the land revenue. Now. their condition is worse. Ryots are becoming poorer gradually. If they have to get a few coins to their hands, they must be given higher rates for their food grains. Especially in this boom period, they must be given a higher price. In Coorg, and Madras and Bombay presidencies, the price of ragi per palla is Rs.18 or 19/-. But here it is 10 or 11 rupees. You please see the difference between these 2 rates. The Govt. are not giving a higher price to the ryot. On account of this, the ryots do not want to grow food grains. Since they get higher prices, they try to transport food grains illicitly. This is the reason for the black market also. Secondly bribery is rampant in every place. This is seen in every village and in every petty official. Allegations by hundreds are made. It is said that a Constable's brother owns a motor bus: that a Constable's wife recently gets a gold girdle etc. If the ryot is given proper prices for his food grains, most of these allegations will go down. On account of all these, the prices of food grains must be risen. Again as I said in the beginning, the ryot must be given more food grains for his domestic consumption. Recently there is one more allegation upon the Govt. officials. It seems that the Patels and Shanbhogues have been asked to write false figures. Though the present crop is not good. they are forced to write that it is good. Is it possible to get more food grains by writing incorrect records?. Certainly not. This procedure is absolutely bad. Again, if the figures are given high. contrary to the actual figure, the ryot may be asked to give more food grains to the Govt. Then, how can the ryot meet this situation? Many people from many villages have come here. They must know this and tell the same to Govt. I am telling this to Govt and to the people. You must give your reply to Govt. on the 29th inst, and through a challenge. You must say that ½ a seer of food grains is not sufficient for you per day. That is why we have come here. The Govt. must know well that if they were to continue their policy of giving lower rates to the ryots, the ryots will not grow food grains in future. The Govt. must move in a right direction. The ryots must not keep quiet by paying land revenue. The Govt. are demanding food grains from the ryot forcibly. The Revenue Inspector, Shanbhogue, Amildar and the S.D.O. and other officers threaten

officers ask him in a friendly way, to do the same. But none of them enquires him whether he has sufficient rice, kerosene, sugar or jaggery. The prices of textile have gone up four times the original rates. Is there any arrangement by which the ryot can get textile cheaply? If they give lower rates for the food grains. they must also make facilities for getting other articles at lower rates. This is the duty of the Govt. In other countries, the Govt. are doing much good to the people. In England, the people grow only a little quantity of food which suffices her population for 2 months only. But they are having sufficient food for all the 12 months. This is because they have responsible Government there. If the people give money, food must be given to them. The Govt. have arranged in that manner. They get food grains from other countries, and give them to the people. They have got such huge stock of food grains which will suffice for them for 3 years. Even cigarattes have been stored for 3 years. If not, the ministers must resign and get out. But here it is quite different. though we grow almost food grains, except paddy which is a little less than our demand. But why is this difficulty? It is only becuase we have no responsible government. If there was responsible Government in Mysore, the order stating that the ryot must have only ½ a seer of rice per day would not have promulgated. Again the present lower rates for the food grains would not have come into force. Here there is a lot of gap between the ministers and ryots. If the ministers were elected and responsible to the people, this would not have happened. There are 2 non-official ministers, viz., Messrs. H.B.Gundappagowda and J. Mahomad Imam. Mr. Gundappagowda was in Congress formerly. When he was in the Congress, he has said many a time that no officer of Govt. must be given a salary over Rs.500/-, since our country is very poor wherein the per capita income is only Rs.5/- or 6/-. A few years ago, he left the Congress. He left in 1941. When the Congress passed a resolution that all the members of Legislature and local board must resign and offer Sathyagraha, he did not resign.He was the District Board President of Hassan. On the other hand, he left the congress. When we brought a resolution in the

in the Legislative Council that all officers must get only Rs500/- as the maximum salary. Mr. Belur Srinivasa Iyengar also seconded the same. But Mr. H.B.Gundappagowda who was for the resolution while he was in the Congress, voted for the Govt. It means that the maximum salary must not be Rs.500/- but only Rs.2000/ The proposition was defeated as 29:31. If the non-official ministers had voted for the proposition the proposition would have been carried. Though the orders regarding the food grains are causing great troubles to the ryots, the ministers are there. The Govt. is going on. After Mr. Gundappa gowda left the Congress, he stood for elections from Salagame Hobli. He was defeated in the District Board elections. He got only 2 votes, whereas his congress opponent got 198 votes. The people thus plainly told him that they had no confidence in him. Again he stood as a candidate for the Legislative Council. Then also he would have been defeated Mr. Kappanna Gowda withdrew his candidature. Then there was Mallegowda as an opponent. In those elections, which were wonderful, Mr. Gundappagowda was elected. Even dead people voted for him. In many ways which you do not know he was declared elected. During the course of elections the people were troubled in many ways. Patels and Shanbhogues were dismissed from service, since they voted for the Congress. (The sanctity of the ballot boxes was not kept up.) They broken open the ballot boxes and the officials who voted for the Congress were severely punished. If the same had happened in the Western countries, the ministers must have resigned. But nothing happened here. An official of the local munsiff's court was dismissed from service But he was bold. He represented to Govt. that the officials could not know for whom he has voted without breaking open the ballot box. He launched a case against the concerned. Sessions Judge Mr.Nanjundiah passed severe strictures upon the Govt. officers. Though Mr. Gundappagowda had lost the confidence of the people, which was evident from his defeat in the elections, he was made the Minister. Another non-official minister is Mr. Mahomed Imam. He stood for elections from Jagalur. There he was defeated. But he was subsequently nominated and then he was also made the Minister. Now both of them are ministers. They are not responsible for the people. On the other

appointed them. Both the non-official ministers are sons of ryots. They know the difficulties of the ryots. Yet they are keeping quiet when the order to the effect that each ryot can have only ½ a seer of food grains per day has been passed by Govt. If they have self-respect, they must immediately resign. The people have been done much injustice. Hence they must resign and come out. They do not do it, because they are not responsible to you. You also have no hold upon them. They get Rs.2000/- per month. Now I will put you a question. Recently you had to celeberate Ugadi. How many of you had sufficient rice and were in a position to prepare sweet eatables? I have seen with my own eyes elders and women weeping on account of the dearth of sugar or jaggery. The ryots observe only 2 or 3 festivals in a year. If they cannot observe even those few festivals what should be done? They cannot get sugar or jaggery. The Govt. give them lower rates for the food grains. In the same way, they must create facilities for them to purchase other necessities. Congress is fighting to establish Responsible Govt. On the next Saturday you must give your reply to Govt. You must say on 29th whether this kind of Govt. should remain or the Govt. which cares for the good of the people must come. Congress does not ask for complete Responsible Government in these troublesome days. It is quite sufficient if a Govt which cares for the good of the peopl is in power. We have no confidence in the Govt. which allows only ½ a seer of food grains per man per day and which gives Rs.11/- per palla of ragi. We want ministers who have our confidence. On the 29th, the Govt. must know your wishes. All the people must know your saying on that day. In short, the whole world must know your voting. The ryots of Hassan District have awakened. Two persons from each taluk must be elected to the District Board. When all the congressites are elected, the Govt. will know that you are supporting the Congress, and that you want Responsible Government. Much mal-propaganda may go on against the congressites. But you must not listen to them. No person is bold enough to make allegations against the Government except the Congressites. Many of you have undergone innumerable difficulties. Even now, 17 or 18 people are yet in this Jail. For whose benefit are they in Jail? Certainly it is not for

for their own benefit. Even old people are in jail. An old person of Sravanabelagola Nagari gowda by name is in jail yet. He is doing penance there, for your own godd. He is grinding there with a view that you should have Responsible Government. Many women also are suffering for your good. If you hear the word, "Mahatmaji" you will salute him. Now, he is in Poona Jail. Since 3 days he is unwell. Why should he trouble himself? He says that he does not want to be happy when his countrymen have no sufficient food and clothing. With a view to achieve independence, he is doing penance. Another Matter I want to tell you. If you listen it, you will shed tears. Sri. Kasturi Baa Gandhi died in Jail on the night of Shivaratri. All the people demanded her release. But the Govt. were adamant. She did not request the Govt. to release her. With a view that her country should become independent, she went through all her sufferings with joy. From heaven she is looking at us. We must tell her that we have not forgotten her and we will carry on her work to our best ability. To do this, you must vote for the Congress candidates only. They are Messrs. Karle Thimmegowda and Manjappagowda. You must elect only these people who will fight for your own good without any fear. Rather, will you vote for those people who approach just now for getting votes and who will never look at you after they are elected? Mr. Thimmarayapppa is an independent candidate. He is a retired officer. How can he fight with the Govt. boldly? Kappannagowda is the person who withdrew in favour of Mr.H.B.Gundappagowda in the previous elections Next, we have people who belong to National War Front, which is an organisation which asks the ryots to grow brinjals and lady-fingers. Will they grow automatically? The ryot knows the mode of agriculture. The ryot is prepared to give you everything after his domestic requirements are met with. But the persons of National War Front go on with their lactures of growing more food. To deliver lectures, they have to go from place to place and thus they make a T.A. & D.A. of Rs.30/- or 40/-. You must discern the qualities of the people who stand for elections and then give your vote. Many of you have franchise If you exercise your vote on the right lines, there is no fear to get Swaraj within a few years. You must know that there is no room in the Congress for Communalism. Among the people, there are only two categories, Government servants and other people. Everyone wants good legislation. Everyone wants a Government which works for the good of the people. I will give an instance of work of our Govt. (In one Taluk the officers began to write false figures

false figures regarding the food grains grown. They began to write more. In this operation, some lakhs of bags were found to be present contrary to actually present. Then again they wrote according to some low calculation. Then only 20 or 30 bags were shown in figures. Then the authorities took a medium calculation. Now it seems that the figures are good. It does not matter even if the ryot does not grow, provided their figures look moderate. In England, the Govt. spends a huge sum of 200 crores of rupees per year for growing food grains. But in India, only 2 crores of rupees have been spent per year for the same purpose. All these are found because we have not got Responsible Govt. It is high time for every village to become united. On account of bad handling of the affairs at Bengal, a severe famine swept it. Many lakhs of people died of starvation. Only in Calcutta hundreds of people died while they were walking. A mother was suckling her child. There was no milk. Blood came out and the mother died. At another time, a small boy who had no food for several days went to eat the leavings, when a famished dog was his rival and bit him. Thus he did. Thousands of instances in this way may be given. You must know that Bengal is in India. On account of starvation lakhs of people died. The total official no. of deaths is 6 lakhs. But some people say the no. goes to 30 lakhs. All this is happening because we have no Swaraj. You know that the great war is going on from 5 years. The no. of dead during this period is only 1½ lakhs on the Allies side. But the deaths in Bengal only goes to 6 lakhs, which is due on account of starvation. We do not want much. All that is required is sufficient food and clothing. Nearly 90% of the population have not got the same. You will get all if you have swaraj. Hence you help that association that is working for your good. Congress is working for the good of the people. Hence you should give your votes to the Congressites. All the people who are in Jail including Mahatmaji will be satisfied immensely if the Congressites win in the elections. They will be very sorry if we are defeated. In short, if the Congress wins, the whole world will be glad. On the other hand, if the independents win, only they and their friends will be glad, but the

you will do service of God. Hence serve the country by giving your votes to the Congress candidates on the 29th instant. I must tell you another matter. Some days ago a high official of the State gave away 300 acres of land to some of his people for a diary farm. The land is known as "Abban Kaval" near Arsikere Taluk. The land is valued at 75,000 rupees. But it was given away at the rate of Rs.5/- per acre. If there was Responsible Government, no body would have done like this. Now. I will tell the administration of England to you where there is Responsible Government. There all the people who are aged more than 65 years, get a pension of Rs.60/- per mensem. Every widow gets pension until she marries again. Similarly, every parent gets money for the maintenance of children. The people who do not grow anything. are so well off as this. But what is our condition who grow everything? We are growing everything we want. But we have no independence, whereas they are independent. It is already high time and I do not want to continue my speech for a long time. Mr. H.C.Dasappa also comes to request you to give your votes to the Congress candidates He will tour in villages of many taluks. On the next Saturday, i.e., on the 29th instant you must make yourselves leisurely and go to the polling stations and vote for the congress candidates Franchise is an invaluable thing. You should exercise it carefully. You must give it to the Congress candidates only. It is known that we are undergoing many difficulties. We are slaves. At least, you must remember, that if you work hard now, your children may be indppendent and happy. You must make the Congress candidates victorious. With this request, I take my seat. (Claps).

Mr. A.G.Ramanhandra Rao, Hassan, next spoke thus:-

Already a long speech has been delivered by Mr. Nijalingappa. Now, I request Mr.Karle Thimmappagowda to speak on behalf of the Congress candidates for a few minutes. In this connection, it is quite necessary to introduce him to you. In August 1942 all of us were arrested. For 16 months we were in Jail When we went to jail, the food problem was not so keen as it is now. But during the last December the Govt. passed 2 orders according to which the ryot can have ½ seer of food grains per day and the rest must be given to the Govt. at Govt. controlled rates. This had to be done immediately December is a winter month and the good grains cannot be -

be separated at all. Again, the land must be ploughed to see that air and sunlight touch the ground so that it may be ready for the next crop. This order was something like the orders of Md. Bin Tuglak. But Mr. Karle Thimmegowda wrote a letter to the Government regarding all these points. The letter came to the Deputy Commissioner, who called Mr. Thimmegowda for an interview, where everything was discussed. In the end the order itself was repealed to the extent that the corn may be thrashed for separating the grain after the winterx season was over. In this way the whole agricultural community was benefitted. Now, I request you to listen to the speech of Mr. Karle Thimmegowda. (Claps).

Mr. Karle Thimmegowda, Hassan Taluk, next spoke thus:-

Messrs: Nijalingappa and Ramachandra Rao have spoken to you lucidly. If I should talk more. I will erase the good impression created by them. Hence I will speak only for a few minutes and take my seat. More than all. I am a candidate for the elections and as such I am asked to speak for a few minutes. I am speaking on my behalf and on behalf of Mr. Manjappagowda. the other congress candidate. I will tell you the significance of vote. All of you cannot represent to Govt. your grievances. Therefore you elect some persons to represent you. Like this. you elect 2 persons from each Taluk. Therefore. you must elect those people who will fight for you boldly against the Government. On the other hand, you must not elect Jo-hukam-valas, who dance to the tune of the Govt. Only the Congress candidates are working for your good. No other person cares for your welfare. When the order of giving ½ seer of ragi to the ryot was passed, who supported you? Did Mr. Thimmarayappa, Mr. Shamanna or Mr.Kappannagowda help you? Not at all. The Congressites took up your cause. At that time Mr. H.C. Dasappa was released from Jail. He said that the ryot cannot sustain himself on ½ seer of ragi per day. He called for a food conference at Bangalore and passed a resolution that at least a seer of food grains per day is required for the ryot besides allowing some for seeds &tc. These resolutions were sent to Government and our leaders toured in the State and enlightened the ryots. At that time, what did Messrs. Thimmarayappa, Shamanna, and Kappannagowda do? The Congressites helped you. In future also, they will

will help you. It is on account of their efforts that 2 a seer of food grains is given to the ryot per day. Again in the Legislative council, Mrs. Yashodharamma argued that the ryot's children also must be given ½ a seer per day. Congress is fighting for you against the Government. The Govt. must give you higher rates for food grains. But they are giving you lower rates and selling the same grain at a profit of Rs.3 or 4/-. The merchants are content enough to have a profit of 4 annas or 8 annas. But it is not so with the case of Govt. This is something like a brahmin, unaccustomed to perform sacrifice, began to do it and during the performance his beard was burnt. (Laughter). The Officers move in Ist Class and they get down in T.B. Again they get T.A. and D.A. All these charges will enhance the price of rice. You are requested to vote for the Congress candidates only. to show that what the Govt. are doing is wrong. If you vote for the independents. it means that the Govt. are on the right side. Hence please think about these points, and exercise your franchise. Six or seven years ago, the A.Ks. of my village requested the Govt. to give them land which is fallow. But till now, they are not given the same. This is the way in which the Govt. are looking after you. To show that their work is incorrect. you must vote for the congressites. We are prepared to fight for you. You give your votes to us. Make yourselves leisurely at least for a day or half a day and give your votes on the 29th inst. to the congress candidates only. If Congress comes to power. you can expect very good treatment at the hands of Congress. Once again, I request you to make the Congress victorious at the Polls. (Claps).

Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao, Hassan, next spoke thus:

Already you have listened to the long speeches of Messrs. Nijalingappa. and Karle Thimmegowda. It is already high time and I do not want to take much of your time. I will speak to you only a few matters and close this meeting. The ryots are not getting decent prices for their food grains. On the other hand, the prices of textile, iron manufactured articles have risen nearly 1:5 or even more. In Madras and Bombay Presidencies the food grains are sold at a higher rate. Ragi is sold at Rs.22/- and ragi rice at much higher rate. But here the ryot cannot get a decent price. Another matter that I want to tell you is regarding bribery. It is seen everywhere. The person who received bribes is the happiest person now, since he is left

a heavy bribe. Another officer has written to Govt. that he would produce sufficient evidence for the same provided he is given a hearing date. But the date is not given till now. How long should this sort of Govt. remain? Because it does not do justice. It seems that the Officers are urging the Shanbhogues and Patels to write false reports in their accounts so the effect that the crops are good though 4 or 6 anna crop is only grown. This is very bad. What is the fate of the ryots, if they are asked to give more grain to Govt. according to their manipulation. For the ensuing District Board elections many independent candidates also have stood up. But Messrs. Karle Thimmegowda and Manjappagowda are Congress candidates. You must vote for these people only. They told me that some other influencial people might be set up on congress ticket. But we asked them to stand on congress ticket, on account of their great sacrifices. As said in the previous lecture. on account of the boldness of Mr. Karle Thimmegowda, the corn was ordered to be thrashed after the winter season. You must know the boldness of the people who are in the Congress. If Bengal's history should not be repeated here, you must vote for the Congress candidates.) Mysore Govt. is not independent. Mostly it imitates the British Provinces. Before the present war started, Germany swallowed many countries in Europe. Then, it was the Congress that asked Britain to fight Germany. Accordingly, Britain declared war against Germany. Then Germany said that England must give independence to India and then talk anything and not before. Japan told the same. China also said that India must become independent. But all the Congressites were imprisoned. Though Britain is being bombed now and then, she is better than what it was before. But our condition is the exact reverse. They are taking away much of the food grains from this place and they are seeing that no complaint is brought against them. There is the Parliament consisting House of Lords and House of Commons. Though there is an opposition party in England, the Govt. is being run by the national party which is consisted of all representatives of the people. But here, all the persons who oppose the Govt. are imprisoned. In England, they have what is known as the Beveridge Plan according to which 10 lakhs of house should be built in 5 years for the accommodation

we were complaining that we had no hospital or school or roads in our villages. But now, we have to complain that we have no sufficient ~~x~~ food also. Even the opponents of Mr. Churchill who were in Jail were released after Mr. Churchill came to power. Lastly, we are at present in a very bad time. Already the enemy is making headway in Assam. Every day we are seeing aeroplanes flying over our heads. It is high time for us to stand united. I do not want to speak more. I am a local and I will speak to you again. Do not think that you are helping these two people by giving votes to them. They have stood on Congress ticket and thus you are giving your votes to the Congress and not to the individuals. In some Taluks, viz., Arkalgud, Chennarayapatna, Holenarsipur, the congress candidates have returned unopposed. But in other taluks there is the contest. There is no communalism in the Congress, which wants to serve you. We want to enter District Board with a view to stop unnecessary expenditure. Hence it is necessary it will be better if all the members belong to one and the same party. In Gujerat many local bodies have been captured by the Congress and they have passed resolutions to the effect that they could not do their work when Mahatmaji and others are in Jail. They have urged for the release of all the leaders. In that way. Hassan District Board also has to work. You must be united and give your votes to the Congress. Messrs. Nijalingappa and Dasappa ~~xxxxxx~~ have no franchise here. But yet they are doing propaganda work here. Many of you may have franchise, and others may not be ~~x~~ voters. Those people who are not voters may go to the neighbouring villages and request the voters to vote for the Congress candidates only. On the 29th instant you are requested to exercise your franchise. Mr. H.C.Dasappa will come here to to propaganda work. If he does not come, we will do the work. All of you must give your support. Another Matter must be informed to you/. There will be a workers meeting in Mr. H.V.Rangaswami's house at 8 P.M. today. All Congress workers are requested to attend.(Claps)

The meeting terminated at 6-45 P.M. with the shouting of Jais. Speeches did not create much impression.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
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* I have the honour to enclose herewith for information of the Government, copies of proceedings of Congress election propaganda meetings held at Hassan and Salagame (Hassan Taluk) on the 23rd instant addressed by M/s H.C. Dasappa of Mysore and A.G. Ramachandra Rao of Hassan.

Your kind attention is invited specially to the portion marked I on page 2 of the proceedings of the meeting held at Hassan.

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Proceedings of the public meeting held in the Gandhi Maidan, Hassan, in connection with the ensuing District Board Elections of Hassan, on Sunday the 23rd April 1944 at 9-30 P.M. About 100 persons attended the meeting. The gathering mostly consisted students and persons of the locality. There were a few congressites. Messrs. H.Singa Iyengar, Pleader and H.V.Rangaswamy, Advocate, Hassan were also present.

After the singing of some Congress Lavanies by Vishakanta Rao of Mysore, Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao automatically became the President and spoke thus:-.

We ought to have come here at 8 P.M. But we could not come on account of some unavoidable reasons. Our car while coming from Salagame stopped since its tyre bursted. We had to walk 2 miles and hence we have come here now. Mr. H.C.Dasappa has come here to do propaganda work on behalf of Congress candidates Yesterday we had gone to Dudda and Arsikere. Now we had gone to Salagame. I ask your pardon for coming late. Please excuse us Mr. H.C.Dasappa is one of the prominent congressmen of the State. Since a few years, he is not keeping sound health. While he was in Jail, his health deteriorated. He could not get it cured here. Mahatmaji knew this and asked him to go over to Sevagram. He was treated and completely cured there. Now, he is here again to do your service. But after his return. he could not take rest. He was sent to Jail. When he was released, he found the whole country in a commotion. The people were given only ¼ seer of food grains per day. Then all the Congress leaders were in Jail. The other so-called leaders did not enquire into your difficulties. When Mr. Dasappa came back from Jail, he called for a Food Conference at Bangalore and the food problem was completely discussed. All of these are known to you. At the same time, bribery was rampant in every part of the State. The people had no strength to tell these matters to any person. Resolutions were passed condemning these and sent to Govt. Again platform was made use of to focus public opinion to see that bribery is put down. The ration of ¼ seer of food grains was fully discussed in R.A. and L.C. and now the people are getting ½ a seer of food grains per day. Mr.Dasappa has tried his best to better the conditions of the poor. Since a month he is working hard touring in all the Districts and doing congress propaganda work. From the afternoon he suffering from cold and fever I requested him that this meeting will be postponed to

not want to disappoint you. Now, I request him to speak to you. (Claps).

Mr. H.C.Dasappa of Mysore next spoke thus:-

Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao has told you the reason for our delay to hold this meeting. One of the tyres of our car bursted while coming from Salagame, and we had to walk nearly 2 miles. I ask your pardon for coming late. This meeting is held to tell you the significance of voting in the District Board Elections. It is already high time and I do not want to address you for a long time. I will speak for a few minutes only Lavani Vishakanta Rao has sang some lavanies and you have appreciated them. I will now tell you the injustices that are committed by the Government. During the last elections, the Congress as well as independent candidates contested. Messrs. Kappannagowda was elected and Gundappagowda was defeated. Afterwards, Mr.Kappannagowda withdrew in favour of Mr.Gundappagowda. Then bye-elections were held. The S.D.O. of Hassan sent for all the Patels and Shanbhogues and asked them that they should work up for the independent candidate. Even extra Police was drawn to Hassan for this purpose. The village officers were threatened and in that manner Mr.Gundappagowda was elected. I could not see all those things with my own eyes. But Mr.K.T.Bhashyam was phoning to me everything. Again, the applications of many congress candidates were rejected on flimsy pretexts. A woman by name Indiramma navaru, cannot sign like that. She can sign as "Indiramma". She signed "Indiramma" her application for standing as a candidate was rejected. The injustices practised by Govt. cannot be numbered. Such injustides have not happened even in British India. When these matters are seen, how can we keep confidence in the Govt.? Again I will give another instance. It is the B'lore City Municipal elections. Mr. Gopalaswami Iyengar got 14 votes and his opponent got only 13 votes, and one vote became invalid. The Govt. ought to have elected Mr.Gopalaswami Ivengar as President. During the course of elections to the Vice-presidentship of the same Municipality, a corruption charge was made against Mr.Jayamuthu Raju. Even if it is true, it is not right on the part of Govt. to cancel the President's election on account of corruption for the election of Vice-presidentship. Again elections were held for the Presidentship, both the independent and congress candidates got equal number of votes. Then the Govt. had only 2 ways. Firstly they

minated some person after giving the casting vote. They preferred the later choice and Mr. C.N.Narasinga Rao was appointed as President, even though all the people and Newspapers like "Tai Nadu" requested the Govt. to have fresh elections. This is sheer injustice. Again, regarding the food problem, I must say that it is not well solved. Each person is given ¼ seer of food grains a day. But it consists much of mud and pebbles. The ryots are given ½ a seer of food grains per day, but it is not sufficient. At least ¼ seer of food grains is required for each person for his breakfast (morning bread). The Ministers do not know the difficulties of the ryots and the poor, since they do not mix with them. Their children eat biscuits, fruits and drink and the ration already given may be much for them. But they must know that the ryots and their children who toil hard require more food grains than the ration provided for. Yesterday evening, at Arsikere. I was given a wonderful information. Mr. Chennappiah told me this It seems that a responsible high officer of the State interfered in the selling of lands at Abban Kaval and saw it was sold to one of his nearest relatives. The land sold is 250 acres. Each acre costs not less than Rs.100/-. But the present purchaser got it at a rate of Rs.5/- per acre on account of the interference of the high official of the State. Many poor ryots had applied to the Govt. for the grant of lands. But their applications were rejected, and this person was given. Already petitions have been sent to the Dewan in this matter and it seems that there will be some enquiry. If such a thing had happened in democratic countries of the West, the Ministers must have resigned. All these are said in public meetings. There is no secrecy in Congress. If the people's Govt. was in existence, injustices of this type would not have happened. Under the present administration, we cannot pass even a no-confidence motion and the Minister can go on for with his policy for 4 years, if he is once elected. He is not responsible for the people. On the other hand, he holds office directly under His Highness. In every place it is so. But the Ministers must be responsible for the people. If they do not act for the welfare of the people, the people must be in a position to remove them. This is a good convention and the right of he people. In Feb. 1942 I was arrested and sentenced to undergo 18 months' R.I. In August the A.I.C.C. met at Bombay under the presidentship

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Presidentship of Mahatmaji. Mahatmaji wrote a letter to the Viceroy and expected a reply for the same within 15 days. But on the next day itself, he along with many Congress leaders was arrested. All the other things are known to you. In Mysore. the then law Minister Mr.A.V.Ramanathan addressed a letter to Mr.T.Subramanyam. Congress President asked him to see him. Both met and discussed all matters.The Minister asked him that he and other leaders should not have any definite programme before they returned from Bombay and after their return, the Dewan would send for them. But these things did not happen. The Congress leaders went to Bombay and while they were returning, they were arrested at Yasavanthapur. The Govt. did not abide by the words of the Law Minister.They might have arrested if we had decided anything. The A.M.C.C. had to meet at Frenchrocks on 22nd Aug. Secondly, after the arrest of prominent leaders at Yasavanthapur, almost all leaders of the Congress were hunted and taken to prison. There was a commotion all over the State. There was no leader to give them advice. Congress stood and even now stands for truth and non-violence. But on account of the sudden arrest of all the leaders, the people were excited. It is also true that in some place some goondaism prevailed; but it is certain that the Congress were not responsible for this. The Congressites had no programme before. If the Congress President and other leaders of the Congress were outside. they would have certainly protested against the rowdy work of the people. But they were in Jail. There are other injustices also. While I was the Congress President in 1939, I tried my best to have an interview with Sir Mirza. But it was not given. When myself and other leaders of the Congress were touring in Kolar District all of us were arrested suddenly. We had to start Sathyagraha on 19th September 1939. Accordingly, the Sathyagraha began on that day. In K.G.F. Mysore, Chitaldrug and other places the people observed Sathyagraha. Nearly 3000 people went to Jail. The Sathyagraha was in such a way that even Mahatmaji appreciated it very much. When Messrs. K.T.Bhashyam, K.Changalarayareddy and myself had gone to Allahabad to attend the Session of the All India National Congress Committee, we were told that Mahatmaji appreciated our Sathyagraha very much and as a matter of fact a resolution was passed to the effect that the Indian National Congress may interfere into the politics of States and Mahatmajim accepted to guide our movement.Mr. Nehru said that this Sathyagraha was a feather in our cap. When I was

was suffering from ill-health, Mahatmaji wrote a letter to me and for 6 or 7 months I was treated there. During my stay, Mahatmaji took care of me, as though I were his own son. To tell you truly, our Sathyagraha was unique by itself. So to say, it was a model for others. Mahatmaji blessed our work and said that we may get complete independence if everyone worked in the same manner. Everyone must show sympathy to the Congress, if it should reach its goal. To reach its goal, you must give your votes to the Congress candidates only. There is no party in Mysore, which fights against the Govt. for the cause of the people. Where can we get a more intelligent person than Mahatmaji? We have to strengthen ourselves as far as possible and hence we are taking part in the District Board Elections. There may be some voters in the gathering. The others may not be voters. But their help is required to do propaganda work of the Congress. When the people are in difficulties and in distressed conditions, it is the duty of every person to relieve the poor of their difficulties. But if any person says that he is great person and thus opposes the congress candidates, in the ~~the~~ elections, you must not give your votes to him. There is no person who is greater than Mahatmaji. Keeping this in mind, you must vote for the Congress candidates only. In this connection, I want to tell you another matter. All of you may know that there are 1,200 or 1400 prisoners in Bangalore Central Jail. After all, there are only 50 or/Policemen to control them. You must know that there are some life convicts in the Jail. They will be given a turban and 4 annas and are appointed ~~as~~ to supervise upon others. Soon after, he is appointed in that manner, he will forget he is a convict and begins to use his power over the other prisoners. This is the administration of the Jail. The administration in India also is going on in the same manner. As Jawaharlal Nehru has said India is a big Jail. Many people work hard for a few rupees per month and help the British to put down the national movement. I have already told you the injustices done by the S.D.O. Mr. Gundasetty in the previous elections when Mr. Gundappagowda was elected. In Sravanabelagola even fire was opened on the innocent people. India has now become an unfortunate country. The British came over here to do business and carry on their industries. They saw the civil war going on among the Native Chiefs and made use of their opportunities of backing one

one Raja Maharaja against the other. This they gained country after country and in the end. swallowed the entire India. Then they gave India as charity to their Queen. Victoria. Please see their patriotism. But what do we find here. Many people are prepared to help the British to carry on their rule for a paltry sum and that is why we are not yet independent. Even the Congressmen are not an exception to this criticism. Many people have turned against the Congress, if they are given money. At Arsikere, a certain person told me his reasons for standing as an independent candidate. He told me that there are certain definite facilities if he were to stand as an independent candidate. Most probably the Govt. will help him in some ways. We cannot find such things in Congress, which always works for the good of the people. Many great people have worked in the Congress, to make India free. How many great people are even now working in the organisation? It is our fortune that we are living during the life-time of Mahatmaji. Every person is worshipping him as an incarnation of God. No other person in the world saw with his own eyes that he was so worshipped. Not even Christ or Md. Pygambar had this fortune. Even Americans are worshipping Mahatmaji as an incarnation of Christ. Here also. we can see this photo in every house. All worship him. But I must ask this question?. Are we putting his principles into practice during our daily life? This is doubtful. All of you must try to bring into your daily life the principles of Mahatmaji. There is a lot of difference between him and other leaders. He will always be thinking of the better-ment of India. Even in dream he will be thinking of India. In Bombay alone. there are many people who have helped the Congress in various ways. Almost all the seats in the Municipal Corporation have been captured by the Congressites. In Mysore City also, I am glad to say. that all the 24 seats of the Municipality have been captured by the Congress. If we have such unity amongstus, nobody can do anything. Not even Mr. Amery can refuse to give us independence. Now, you are only required to give your votes to the Congress candidates. Only once in 3 or 4 years, you have to do this work. It is quite sufficient if you do so much; we are here to fight for you. Please make yourselves leisurely on that day and vote for the Congress candidates only. In Hassan Taluk, at least one person from every house must come forward to do propaganda work on behalf of the Congress. Recently I toured in

readily canvassing for the Congress in Sidlaghatta Taluk. In one village alone, I found nearly 80 cycles set apart for the Congress work. There is absolutely no use from mere talk and sympathy. Everything must be put into action. I am sorry to hear another matter. Some people argue that they could not displease any party and hence they would give one vote to the Congress and another to an independent candidate. This is absolutely bad. You must give both the votes to the Congress, if smooth working is required. In Mahabharatha, an instance is given, which can be quoted now. That portion belongs to Gita. Arjuna keeps quiet in the battlefield and says that he cannot fight against his own relatives and teachers. But Sri Krishna advises him to do his duty and not to be bound down by relationship. Then Arjuna fights and all his relatives and teachers will be killed. In the same way, you must not care for your relationship in this matter. You may have all the relationship with any person. But your vote must be set apart for the Congress, since vote belongs to politics. Bala Gangadhara Tilak has written his commentary upon Gita by name "Gita Rahasya". He wrote it while he was in Jail. You must read the portion relating to "Karma Yoga". You must work hard for the sake of duty. Then only our country can be uplifted, and the people who work get a good name. By working sincerely, one can get much contentment, that he is really serving the country to his best capacity. You must also experience the same. There is no use by expressing the same. During the recent Municipal elections at Mysore, almost all the leaders were in Jail. But the children and youngsters worked hard for the congress, which captured all the 24 seats. The hearts of the children are free from guilt. Their work will not go unrewarded. Here also the same thing must be repeated. We are looking with great anxiety the day of the elections. Already we have 8 seats. There is contest for 10 more seats in 5 taluks. I hope you will do as I have requested and make the Congress successful. Now, it is my duty to thank all of you for patiently listening to my speech till now. (Claps).

Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao, next spoke thus:

This day, many spekers could not address you. Mr.Karle Thimmegowda must have addressed you. It is already getting late

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late and Mr.H.C.Dasappa has spoken for a long time. Other leaders are expected here. When they come. the date on which they would speak will be later on announced. Then youxare requested to come to the meeting in large numbers. Lastly it is my duty to thank you for listening to the speeches patiently till now. Mr. H.C. Dasappa is working incessantly from a month. It isamatter of regret to tell you that there was not sufficient time ~~even~~ for Mr. Dasappa even to take food. Mr.Karle Thimmegowda will speak on some other day. The day of the meeting will be announced later. You are requested to attend in large numbers. Now this meeting will terminate

Then the meeting terminated at 10-45 P.M. with cries of several Jais, and slogans.

The speeches were in Kannada and they were effective.

SD. M.V.Sreenivasachar,
Stenographer, D.P.O., Hassan,
Dated, 25-4-44.

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for the country. He was in jail for 10 months. You should be always on the side of those that help you ie. towards the patriot, that is what History has taught us. Rama is a typical exampae who killed Ravana having sacrificed his self. But for this he would not have been remembered by us, so also Krishna, who removed ~~who removed~~ the obstacles from the path of the peopleie. Kalimardana, Kamsa Harana, etc. People are fond not for his love of butter but for his great qualities in helping the people in removing the enemies of the public. So also Shivaji. All these have helped us to preserve our rights.

Coming to our present, Mahatma Gandhi is known to each and every one I had been to Hulgere to one of my relatives. Lavani Viskanta Rao also had been with me. My relative asked me if this gentleman was on Gandhi's side. 40 crores are under the rule of Britishers who have fettered the hands of India. Mahatmaji is there in jail to free the country "Bharatha Mata." He wears only 4 cubits of cloth. What about his penance. But for Gandhi A.G.Ramachandra Rao would not have been here. So also Thimmappagowda. I also would not have been here but for his spiritual force. Vote for a person who cannot be swayed by influences. So vote for Congress candidates without hearing the words of others. (ಯಾರ ಮಾತಿಗೂ ಮರುಳಾಗಿ ಮತ ಮಾರಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಡಿ. Don't go for this. Don't sell votes. Don't yield to any extra influences. So all of you vote for congress. Government servants are not interfering this time. So all of you vote for congress. I am glad to see males as well as females. Many of you may not be voters yourselfes. So you should make your friends to vote for congress by carrying this message to them. See how many people are behind the congress. ie. all the leaders of the world are behind you. Mahatma's principles are carried by us. But there are a few that say that they are greater than Mahatmaji and demand votes This is bad and pitiable. I do not know why these old people are contesting. Mr. B.Thimmarayappa is a pensioner, so how can he fight against Government. He cannot criticise the actions of Government. But we are doing it. There work is " ಅಪ್ಪ ಕೆಲಸ ". Mr. Ramaiah also seems to be doing propanganda work in this nobly. Ask all these People as to how many times they have gone to jail for your sake All of them want to live in their houses but want to get votes Same is the case with Mr. Shamanna also. All of you should vote for congress.

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Proceedings of the meeting held in the Shandy maidan, Salagame in connection with the District Board elections, on Sunday the 23rd April 1944 at 7P.M. About 300 People, who had come to the shandy attended the meeting. Almost all of them were ryots. A few local congressites also were present. The speeches were in kannada.

After the singing of Lavanies by "Lavani Visakanta Rao of Mysore" Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao of Hassan addressed the gathering thus:-

We wanted to come here at 3 P.M.. We travelled from 8 A.M. without food and we pray for excuse. You know who is Mr. H.C.Dasappa. He is Mr. K.H.Ramaiah's Son-in-law., Channaiah's Son. He was earning a lot. He has in this way under-gone starvation on many days while doing Propaganda work, to serve the country. Since 4-5-years he has left practice. He would have got this Ministry long back only if he had tried for it. But he has left it and is serving the country by joining the Congress. He is one of the beloved disciples of Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma sent for him when he was unwell and treated him and sent him here for service.

Mr; H.C.Dasappa of Mysore spoke thus:-

As Mr. A.G.Ramachandra Rao said we ought to be here at 3.P.M. Yesterday the meeting at Arsikere closed at 12-P.M. and we got up early visited Aggunda, Gandasy, and Bagavalu to-day, and we have come here now, you can imagine the distance we have travelled so far, where is Aggunda and where is Salagame; please excuse me for the delay. I hope you are according to my suggestions. My wife had been here about 3 years back. The result of that was the person that stood for election opposing the congress was defeated ie. Mr. H.B.Gundappa Gowda. In the same place I have been given an opportunity to see you all and I am obliged to you for the same. All the people determined to be on the Congress side then. I am proud of coming to such a patriotic place now. I thank my friends for having given me this opportunity. I am related to you all by blood. But I am sorry for not having much time before me. I will be again coming and get acquainted with you all. Since a month I am on tour. I will be going to Mandya the day after. By this I am failing in health. Hassan people are also waiting. Next Saturday there will be elections at Salagame centre alone. All of you should exercise your votes and that too for congress. Karle Thimmegowda's emblem is Thrisula and that of Manjappa is Rate "Charaka" which helps man to cover his body with clothes. Even young ones and old people were working at the Charaka before and clothes were being supplied even to the foreign countries. Such a powerful emblem is that of Manjappa. Thimmappagowda is a patriot. Our country does not want people (candidates) of laced turbans, drunkards and slaves of

Now already it is known to you who the congress candidates are viz:- Karle Thimmegowda and Manjappa of Dudda. Karle Thimmegowda has done a great Service to the country. All the so called leaders who are coming for votes did not do any thing though they were the members of different food committees both at Taluq and District Headquarters. Mr.H.C.Dasappa arranged for a conference immediately after his release from jail at Bangalore. He discussed the insufficiency of the rations allowed to the ryots, and as a result of it ,the Government increased the ration from ¼ seer to ½ a seer. Even this is not sufficient for a ryot. Deputy Commissioner had passed orders that the crops should be thrashed by the end of 31st December 43 and the grains should be delivered to the Government Depot by the end of 31st. December 43. But this was not a favourable period for the thrashing of the crops as it was a cold season, and as the full corns would not be separated from the hay in the cold season. This was pointed out by Karle Thimmappa to the Deputy Commissioner,Hassan District and was also published in papers. This drew the attention of the Government also and the orders were revised. Deputy Commissioner sent for him and said that he would send him to jail for such publications. Karle Thimmappa said he is prepared for that as country would be benefited by his action. Then the order was revised and the ryots were ordered to deliver the grains by the end of February. Karle Thimmappa was in jail for 10 months sacrificin his studies, so also Manjappa- Another danger is awaiting ie. Pahanis which ought to have been written in the month of August and November are being written by the Shanbhogues at the dictation of officers. Amildars are already getting into the houses of ryots for corns, this is already in force at Saklespur.

Mahatma is in jail for you all. You are seeing Aeroplanes over heads. Now they are in south. There was explosion in Bombay. Japanese are coming from the east, we should be one and resist the invasion. There is no other institution that can represent your grievances to Government except Congress. So all of you should vote for congress. Both young and old, males and females should serve the country and they should be made to feel congress. I pray God to give you this power of thinking. We should have clothing necessary for

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for coveringthe body and food for the up keep of the body, and education, as it is existing in Europe. Our children are poor but they are rich. why this difference?. because we lost our independence. So we should fight for it. So you should see that the independents lobse their deposits.

The meeting terminated at 7-50 P.M. with Jais and about 300 ryots had assembled in the meeting. The speeches were effective

Sd/ R.S.Subbaraya,

S.B. Sub-Inspector.
25-4-1944.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.
HASSAN DISTRICT.

CONFIDENTIAL & IMMEDIATE.

No. P.3824-9, Bangalore, dated 7th Decr. 1943.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

T o

The District Magistrates of Bangalore, Shimoga, Tumkur. Hassan. Kolar and Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No. P.1-9 dated 4th October 1943 regarding the release of detenus in your District. I am directed to request that action may kindly be taken to release unconditionally the detenus whose names are mentioned in the list appended to this letter.

A report of action taken by you in the matter may be submitted for the information of Government.

I am to add that the releases now ordered do not in any way fetter your discretion to re-arrest the released persons or take any other suitable action under the restrictive clauses of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore. if they indulge in or show any tendency to promote. unlawful or subversive activities.

I have, etc.,
(Sd.) M. Viraraja Urs,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Memo No. P.3830-31. Dated 7th Dec. 1943.

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(Sd.)

For Chief Secy

Circular Letter

No 45-86-94/CS_12-43-84

Dated 12.6.44

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To

All the District Magistrates.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to invite reference to para 3 of this office letter No. P.3824-9 dated the 7th Decr. 1943 stating that the release of certain detenus does not in any way fetter the discretion of Dist. Magistrates to re-arrest the released persons or take any other suitable action under the restrictive clauses of the Defence of India Rules, if they indulge in or show any tendency to promote unlawful or subversive activities.

It has since been brought to the notice of Govt. that some of these released individuals ~~taking advantage of~~ in connection with the ~~election~~ propaganda have been making speeches of an objectionable nature and have been exploiting the opportunity to misrepresent facts and through such means to lower the prestige of Govt. in public estimation I am, therefore, to request you to issue necessary instructions to the officers under you carefully to watch the movements and activities of these individuals, scrutinise their speeches and bring to the notice of Govt. promptly cases which require action, together with your considered views ~~suggestions about~~ the ~~steps you would propose~~ action to be taken in the matter.

for DIG/CI/C

Yours sincerely,

19/5/44

Chief Secretary

No. 4595-96/CB

Con. I. U. Ks office